subject to registration of contracts with Council for Leather Exports indicating the price, quantity, etc. and on payment of export duty of 15% on such exports. As on 18.2.2000 no exporter has registered with Council for Leather Export for export of EI tanned leather. So far no adverse impact of amended policy on export of leather goods has come to the notice of the Govt.

Dumping of out-dated technologies by MNCs

319. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that MNCs are making India a dumping ground for out-dated and obsolete technologies;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard or established any monitoring agency; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) Sir, the Indian companies have been given freedom to negotiate the terms of technology transfer with their foreign counterparts according to their commercial judgement. It is therefore, for the companies to decide whether the technology is relevant and competitive or not.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Export performance

320. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how far exports in different sectors have picked-up/declined during the last two years, sector-wise; and

(b) what is the overall assessment of export performance with respect to different global market and major countries importing Indian goods?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) As per the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics data, the export performance of major sectors for the year 1997-98 and 1998-99 is as under:—

(US $ Million)

Items	1997-98	1998-99*
Plantation	961	952
Agriculture and Products	4237	3952
Marine products	1207	1038
Ores and Minerals	1061	891
Leather & manufactures	1657	1653
Gems & Jewellery	5346	5904
Sports goods	81	72
Chemical & Allied products	4551	4180
Engineering goods	4435	3804
Electronic goods (excl. software)	760	499
Project goods	82	49
Textiles	8505	8411
Handicraft	526	626
Carpets	546	535
Cotton raw including waste	221	53
Petroleum products	353	89

*Pro visional

(b) The exports of Indian products to various regions for the years 1997-98 and 1998-99 have shown varying trends as indicated below:-

(percentage growth over the same period last year in US$)

Region	1997-98	1998-99
West Europe	8.1	(-) 2.5
Asian & Oceania	1.5	(-)10.6
Africa	19.1	9.3
East Europe	20.0	(-)16.6
America	7.6	7.9